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Written statement* submitted by the Organization for Defending Victims of Violence, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Power vs. Peace

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is a landmark international treaty whose objective is to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to further the goal of achieving nuclear complete disarmament. The NPT represents the only binding commitment in a multilateral treaty to the goal of disarmament by the nuclear-weapon States.[1] Conferences to review the operation of the Treaty have been held at five-year intervals since the Treaty went into effect in 1970.

The latest conference took place in New York on May 2015, however, after four weeks of negotiations states and participants left the conference on a dead luck with a great failure as a result of the United States, Britain and Canada's one-sided oppositions on a proposal to set up a nuclear weapons-free zone in the Middle East. Protecting Israeli's interest and its violent policies in the region by countries like Canada, UK, or US is nothing new. However, such clear blocking of an international decision is absolutely contrary to what they all claim about the protecting the international peace and security.

As the Organization for Defending Victims of Violence, we would like to express our strongest and deepest disappointment on what happened at the conference and blame the three countries of US, UK and Canada for it. We believe it is the time to let the region of Middle East to decide for itself and make its destiny. The so-called world powers need to stop intervening in the region's affairs. For how long are the states in Middle East are supposed to suffer the consequences of Israel's ''self-defence'' wars? For how long the Unites States wants to bring ''democracy'' in the countries of Middle East by taking military actions against them For how long the people of Middle East are supposed to be the victim of ensuring the Israel's security in the world?

The most important decisions such as Middle East being a weapon-free-zone, is being rejected and therefore not in place *by* the states that are not even part of the region, *for* of the Israel who never even ratified the NPT. And yet, ironically enough, Iran is considered to be the threat to the international security.

ODVV requests the three states of US, UK and Canada to reconsider their decision on the final document of the recent review conference of NPT in order to avoid any further damage to their international image.

[1] http://csonet.org/?page=view&nr=283&type=13&menu=14